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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: INFORMAL SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS ON NAMIBIA JULY 24

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1. THE SECURITY COUNCIL HELD INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS THE EVENING OF JULY 24 TO CONSIDER THE TIMING OF A FORMAL MEETING TO ADOPT RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA AND ON WALVIS BAY. THE CONTACT GROUP HAD HOPED TO SCHEDULE A FORMAL MEETING FOR JULY 25, BUT AT THE INSISTENCE OF MAURITIUS (AMB RAMPHUL), WHO WAS SUPPORTED BY THE SOVIET UNION (AMB TROYANOVSKY) AND KUWAIT (SAYEGH),

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BARTON OF CANADA AGREED TO ANOTHER ROUND OF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS TOMORROW EVENING, JULY 25 (SCHEDULED FOR 6:00 PM).

2. RAMPHUL STATED THAT SAM NUJOMA WANTS TO BRIEF THE AFRICANS ON JULY 25, AND THAT MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN GROUP WANT TO HEAR FIRST-HAND FROM NUJOMA THE RESULTS OF THE LUANDA TALKS. IN ADDITION, RAMPHUL NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF AMBASSADORS AND OTHER OFFICIALS HAVE NOT YET ARRIVED FROM KHARTOUM. HE SPECIFICALLY POINTED OUT THAT THE MINISTER OF STATE OF SUDAN (REPRESENTING THE OAU CHAIRMAN) WOULD NOT ARRIVE IN TIME FOR A JULY 25 FORMAL SESSION. RAMPHUL THEREFORE PROPOSED THAT THE FIRST FORMAL SESSION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL BE HELD ON THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 26.

3. AMBASSADOR YOUNG THEN STRESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT WAITING THAT LONG. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE LONGER WE DELAY, THE MORE EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO PULL APART THE DELICATE SETTLEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN ACHIEVED. AMBASSADOR YOUNG ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY WAY TO HAVE THE FORMAL MEETINGS BEGIN TUESDAY, JULY 25. RAMPHUL REPLIED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS "SAM NUJOMA HIMSELF" WHO ASKED THAT THE FIRST MEETING BE ON JULY 26. WITH SUPPORT FROM THE SOVIETS AND KUWAIT, RAMPHUL AVOIDED A COMPROMISE OF WEDNESDAY MORNING AND SO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON CONFIDENTIAL

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ANOTHER INFORMAL CONSULTATION AT 6:00 PM, TUESDAY, JULY 25.

4. THE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL AND ON WALVIS BAY WERE THEN CIRCULATED. AMBASSADOR RAMPHUL INSISTED THAT THESE BE CONSIDERED WORKING PAPERS AND NOT OFFICIAL SECURITY COUNCIL DOCUMENTS. HE AGAIN NOTED THAT SOME MEMBERS WOULD WISH TO CONSULT NUJOMA AND CAPITALS BEFORE AGREEING TO THESE DRAFTS. SOVIET AMBASSADOR TROYANOVSKY ADDED THAT COUNCIL MEMBERS WOULD NEED TIME TO CONSULT AMONG EACH OTHER ABOUT "WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE A NEED TO INTRODUCE CHANGES".

5. COMMENT. THROUGHOUT THE DAY WE HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY IN CONVINCING AFRICANS THAT THESE DRAFTS, PARTICULARLY THAT ON WALVIS BAY, HAVE THE APPROVAL OF SWAPO AND THE FRONTLINE. THE AFRICAN CONFUSION IS IN LARGE PART DUE TO THE CONTRADICTORY PRESS STATEMENTS ISSUED RECENTLY BY NUJOMA CONCERNING SWAPO'S POSITION ON THE PROPOSAL. WE HOPE THAT WITH THE CURRENT ARRIVAL OF SALIM (TANZANIA), CHONA (ZAMBIA), AND LUVUALU (ANGOLA) ON THE SCENE, WE CAN SOON STRAIGHTEN THINGS OUT. END COMMENT. YOUNG

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